

**REMARKS**

The non-compliant Amendments have been corrected, and compliant Amendments are presented above, which include claim amendments in response to the Non-final Office Action dated December 4, 2007.

The compliant Amendments differ from the non-compliant Amendments in the following places:

Claim 11, line 17, replacing the "at a given value k" with "at  $k=2$ " as previously presented;

Claim 11, lines 18 and 20, removing the incorrect underlines;

Claim 11, line 22, removing the incorrect underlines;

Claim 14, line 1, correcting the dependency as previously presented;

Claim 15, line 1, correcting the dependency as previously presented;

Claim 16, line 1, correcting the dependency as previously presented;

Claim 18, line 1, adding track changes and underlines for the amended dependency;

In addition to the correcting of the non-compliant Amendments, the "vectors", originally recited in claim 10, line 15, are replaced by "direction vectors", in response to the objection issued in the non-final Office Action mailed on December 4, 2007.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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